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Selectmen's Minutes 06-18-2007

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Meeting Minutes
 Monday, June 18, 2007
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. LaCourt, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Ms. Rowe,
 and Mr. Greeley

Also Present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Ms. Turkall

FOR APPROVAL

1. Minutes of Meeting: 6/04/2007
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Appointment: Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Collector of Taxes
 Alfred B. Fantini (term 7/01/07-06/30/07)
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Reappointment: Parks and Recreation Committee
 Thomas Caccavaro
 (term 7/28/06-7/28/09)
 After much discussion, Ms. LaCourt moved for a vote.
 Ms. Rowe, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Mahon voted in the negative.
 Mr. Hurd and Mr. Greeley voted in the affirmative. SO VOTED (2-3)

- Nancy Campbell
 (term 10/27/06-10/27/09)
 After a brief discussion, Ms. LaCourt moved for a vote.
 Ms. Rowe, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Mahon voted in the affirmative.
 Mr. Hurd and Mr. Greeley voted in the negative SO VOTED (3-2)

LICENSES & PERMIT

4. Approval: Sale of Tax Title Property
 Stephen Gilligan, Treasurer & Collector of Taxes, requested that the property at Cottage Avenue, Map-023.0, Block Plan-0004, Lot-006 be placed for auction
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Request: 4 Overnight Parking Permits @ 58 Lombard Terrace
 Paul Candilore was unable to attend. Ms. LaCourt called for discussion.

Mr. Hurd suggested approval with stipulation that there be no parking in front of stairs to field and yearly stickers would be purchased for the four spaces requested.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Request: 1 Overnight Parking Permits @ 44 Lombard Terrace

Carrie-Anne DeDeo

Ms. Mahon suggested approval with stipulation that this approval would be for the present tenant (Carrie-Anne DeDeo) and not transfer to any others.

Ms. Mahon moved approval. Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

SO VOTED (4-1)

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Elsie Fiore of 58 Mott Street handed out an email and note discussing that the Medford Commissioners meeting to discuss guidelines for selling alcohol to minors was postponed until June 23, 2007.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. Vote: 3 mile walk fundraiser: Child Rights and You. 8/25/06

Representative discussed that this walk will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and there will be volunteers to help cross the bikeway at Lake Street.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Vote: Arlington Center March: United Justice For Peace. 6/23/07

Paul Shannon discussed that small groups will cross with the pedestrian light at Mass Ave and Pleasant Street.. Mr. Greeley and Ms. Mahon both suggested that the group contact Lt. Paul Conroy of the Arlington Police to discuss the walk through Arlington Center to the Regent Theatre.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Discussion: Request Support for Legislation on 40B Vote & Legislative Notification

John Belksis submitted handouts.

After discussion, Ms. Rowe suggested a letter of support be sent to Selectmen of Walpole. Mr. Greeley seconded.

Ms. Mahon left the meeting at 9:45 p.m. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Endorsement: The Governor's MMA Partnership Act

Annie LaCourt, Chair, Board of Selectmen

Update re: MMA Bill

Rep. Jay Kaufman discussed the Governor's Municipal Partnership Act.

After much discussion of the pros and cons of the Municipal Partnership Act from Charles Foskett, Al Tosti, Joe Rosselli, Richard Greco, and Stephen Gilligan, Mr. Hurd moved to endorse the MPA with a caveat on Section 5 to revisit at a later date.

Ms. Mahon seconded. SO VOTED (5-0)

This item was taken out of order and full Board was present for the vote.

11. Vote: Year End Inter Departmental Transfers

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, discussed transfer to Police in the amount of \$200,000, to the Support budget in the amount of \$8,000, and to Human Services in the amount of \$2,000. Ms. LaCourt requested a report of the liability in dollar amounts of sick leave buy back and deferred compensation using current figures.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

12. Discussion: Regionalization Report

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, reported that 9 neighboring communities have been discussing the possibility of regionalization of some services. Mr. Hurd suggested the possibility of regionalizing with the Town of Belmont and its Disaster Performance Vehicle. Ms. LaCourt proposed the possibility of regionalizing with the City of Somerville and their 3-1-1 Customer Service Call Center.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Discussion: East Arlington Parking

TAC - Scott Smith.

After much discussion, the Selectmen agreed to have TAC report with a recommendation on a one-year trial to allow one-side all night parking in Arlington.

Mr. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

This item was taken out of order and full Board was present for the vote.

14. Proclamation: No Place For Hate

Cindy Friedman, Chair of No Place For Hate, discussed the missions and goals of the committee and presented the proclamation which Ms. LaCourt read.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

This item was taken out of order and full Board was present for the vote.

15. Proposal: Guidelines for Package Stores

John Maher, Town Counsel

The existing liquor regulations need comprehensive review. Mr. Maher will review. Mr. Greeley suggested the removal of "only drink if you eat". The proposal for Guidelines for disciplinary action for violations committed by package stores was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Approval: Draft letter of Alewife Brook/Upper Mystic River to DEP

Ms. Rowe moved approval to send a letter to DEP requesting an extension of the Public Comment Period for Alewife Brook/Upper Mystic River Variance.

SO VOTED (4-0)

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

17. Approval: Relief of Easement – Symmes property

John Maher stated that the water easement adopted many years ago serves no purpose and should be removed.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

Ms. Rowe removed herself from vote (her firm is employed by

E.A.Fish)

SO VOTED (3-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Kevin O'Brien Symmes Status Report Be Rec'd

Mr. Hurd requested that both the Status of Symmes Project memo dated June 15, 2007 and Question and Answer Sheet be put on the Town's website. Ms. Rowe asked Bob McCullen of JPI Construction which company would be the actual contractor of the Symmes Site and he responded that JPI, Inc. would be the contractor. Ms. Rowe asked that JPI provide a list of previous work and references for same. Ms. LaCourt noted that she had visited the JPI website and noticed the Statement of company values. She stated that she certainly hoped that the company will live up to their stated values.

Ms. LaCourt moved to receive correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan – Muni-Stat Project – First Departments are Police, Fire, DPW, Library and Health and Human Services. They will come in after their projects are completed.

Mr. Hurd – Thanked the Town Manager and Departments for Feast of the East success.

Ms. Rowe – Tri-Community Group – Ms. Rowe noted that FEMA flood elevations for Arlington, Brookline, and Cambridge have been delayed.. Conservation Commission will be urging prompt release of new elevations. Ms. Rowe will compose letter to agency.

Ms. Rowe has had many complaints regarding late night noise at the Lodge of Elks. Mr. Sullivan will set up meeting with Elks Manager and Chief of Police to discuss situation.

Mr. Rowe– Belmont Uplands. Ms. Rowe requested that a letter be sent to our State Representatives urging support for state funds to be used to acquire the Belmont Uplands. Representative Brownsberger has requested \$6 million for this purpose. If additional funds are needed, they would have to be raised privately.

Ms. LaCourt – Summit II Meeting very successful with approximately 80 participants. The Town Manager's Office will collate all input and suggestions made at the Summit meeting. Mr. Greeley requested that the materials go to the Budget Revenue and Task Force and Finance Committee.

Ms. LaCourt suggested that it may be informative for the Board to learn about Interest-based bargaining and suggested that a meeting be set up sometime over the summer with Bob McKersee. Because collective bargaining is under the auspices of the Town Manager, the Town Manager indicated that he would take Ms. LaCourt's suggestion under advisement and come back with a format for such meeting.

Ms. LaCourt would like to follow-up on an old commitment to meet with the School Committee twice a year. July 31 was suggested as a possible date. However that would not work for Board members. Ms. LaCourt will try to set up a joint meeting in September.

Mr. Greeley – Motion to Adjourn. SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Meeting – July 16, 2007

A True Record: Attest:

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Turkall